

Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act

(LEOSA)

Title 18 United States Code §§ 926B and 926C (LEOSA) permits qualified current and former law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm in any state regardless of whether the respective state laws allow for such so they can protect themselves, their families, and others from criminals and terrorists. Exceptions identified in the law should be carefully reviewed before carrying a concealed firearm.

The following information is provided solely for the convenience of retired and separated law enforcement officers residing in Virginia and is not intended to constitute a formal legal opinion or legal advice. You may wish to consult an attorney if you have any questions on carrying a concealed firearm in the Commonwealth of Virginia or elsewhere.

Firearm qualification may be conducted by a DCJS or National Rifle Association Certified Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor on a course of fire approved by DCJS for law enforcement officers. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the National Rifle Association for information on qualification opportunities.

Proof of firearm qualification and photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer that indicates the person as having been employed as a police officer or law enforcement officer must be carried when armed to meet requirements of the federal law.

The National Rifle Association Law Enforcement Division Website at <http://le.nra.org/leosa.aspx> is an excellent resource for LEOSA issues.

Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) approval is not required for LEOSA compliance.

Former law enforcement officers residing in Virginia who are retired or separated from Commonwealth of Virginia (local and state) law enforcement agencies

For questions and qualification criteria pertaining to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, please review Virginia Code §18.2-308 Carrying concealed weapons, paragraphs 7 & 7a at <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+18.2-308>. You may contact the Virginia State Police with any questions at (804) 674-2147.

Former law enforcement officers residing in Virginia who are retired or separated from federal agencies or departments outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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